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SUBJECT: U.S. TEA IMPORTERS REQUEST RELIEF FROM TEA EXPORT

REF: NEW DELHI 5211

1. TEA ASSOCIATION OF THE USA (TAUS) OFFICIAL (FLEMING OF LIPTON) TELEPHONED DEPARTMENT TO REQUEST SUPPORT FOR ASSOCIATION'S EFFORT TO OBTAIN RELIEF FROM RETROACTIVE EFFECT OF GOI'S NEW TEA EXPORT DUTY. TAUS PRESIDENT WILLIAM WILBUR CABLED GOI COMMERCE MINISTER APRIL 13 STATING THAT CONCURRENT LEVY OF EXPORT DUTY AND WITHDRAWAL OF EXCISE TAX
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REBATE WILL RESULT IN IMMEDIATE AND SUBSTANTIAL LOSSES BY TRADERS WHO HAVE CONCLUDED FIRM EXPORT CONTRACTS PRIOR TO THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE NEW MEASURES. CABLE, COPIES OF WHICH SENT TO TEA BOARD AND INDIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, WENT ON TO REQUEST THAT GOI PERMIT TEAS NOW IN PORT AWAITING VESSELS OR IN TRANSIT FROM INTERIOR TO PORT FOR WHICH CONTRACTS ARE DATED PRIOR TO APRIL 10 TO BE SHIPPED FREE OF

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DUTY AND WITH EXCISE REBATE.

2. REQUEST EMBASSY TO DRAW ATTENTION OF APPROPRIATE GOI OFFICIALS TO TAUS REQUEST EMPHASIZING THAT TAUS DOES NOT DISPUTE GOI RIGHT TO IMPOSE DUTY BUT IS ONLY REQUESTING RE-

LIEF FROM HARDSHIPS RESULTING FROM SUDDEN IMPOSITION OF DUTY AND WITHDRAWAL OF REBATE. YOU MIGHT NOTE THAT LIPTON, ONE OF THE LARGEST U.S. IMPORTERS OF INDIAN TEA, STATES IT HAS 2.4 MILLION POUNDS OF TEA IN PORT AND INTERIOR UNDER CONTRACTS CONCLUDED PRIOR TO APRIL 10. LIPTON ESTIMATED THAT THE NEW MEASURES WILL COST THEM 400,000 DOLS FOR TEA IN CALCUTTA AND COCHIN PORT AWAITING SHIPMENT PLUS 400,000 DOLS FOR TEA IN TRANSIT FROM INTERIOR TO PORTS.

3. PLEASE ADVISE GOI REACTION SOONEST. WE UNDERSTAND THAT GOI HAS RECEIVED SIMILAR REPRESENTATIONS FROM NATIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OF TEA IMPORTERS IN UK, NETHERLANDS AND GERMANY.
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